

MINUTE THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ESCALANTE VALLEY
WATER USERS ASSOCIATION, BERYL, UTAH, FEBRUARY 17, 1977

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM at the Escalante Valley Community Building, Mr. Norseth introduced state representatives and reviewed agenda.

The following water users were in attendance:

Sherwood Bracken	Albert Harrison	Larry Shurtluff
Clinton Bowler	Brad Bowler	Steve Staheli
Willard Pickering	Evan Hansen	N. G. Winsor
Russell Christensen	Arthur V. Piper	Elwyn F. Adams
Darwin Hulet	Neal Bracken	Lyle Jones
Niels L. Nielsen	Craig Clark	Bill Hunt
Bill Young	Lavon Randall	Paul Graff
Boyd Christensen	A. Morley Wilson	Chester Whitelaw
Richard F. Jones	Robert Holt	Leon Bowler
A. B. Larson	Normand Laub	Lister E. Woods
Eileen Bosshardt	Bill Fain	Nellie Moyle
Laraine Gentry	Larry Banks	H. Wayne Holt

In addition, Mr. Don Norseth, Mr. John Bene, Mr. Gerald Stoker, Mr. Norm Day and Mr. Lorin Sperry were in attendance representing the State Engineer and the Division of Water Rights. Also in attendance Mr. Grant Twitchell, Water Commissioner.

Mr. Norseth made a few remarks relative to the water conditions state-wide and locally and turned over the meeting to the chairman, Mr. Sherwood Bracken.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and approved as read.

There was a question from the floor as to what the board had done relative to parts and repair of water meters. Mr. Bracken indicated that the water commissioner is able to repair meters and has parts available.

Mr. Norseth presented the financial report on the operations of the distribution system and the report was approved as read

Mr. Grant Twitchell presented a short report for the year 1976 as follows:

1976		1975
86,149.61	Acre Feet Pumped	84,130.
4,487.55	Surface Water Used (ac. ft.)	7,667.97
231	Number of Wells	228
25	Number of Wells Overpumped	18
3,064.77	Acre Feet Overpumped	3,923.62

Mr. Twitchell indicated that there were still a number of water meters not in working condition even though a number of water meters have been repaired. The 25 meters not working at the end of the season have all been posted and the farmers notified.

Mr. Bracken then called for discussion on the preparation of a budget for the coming year. Mr. Normand Laub asked that we discuss the feasibility of including in the budget amounts to purchase two or three water meters to be used by the commissioner to test the farmers meters or to be rented while meters were being repaired. Representatives from the state engineer indicated that this would be a good policy and the possibility was discussed that the state might furnish these items. Mr. Stoker indicated that the state representatives do not have the time to do this work and suggested that this service could be made available by the Water Commissioner.

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Mr. Bracken asked Mr. Norseth to review the budget for the last year and following this Mr. Bracken indicated that amounts would be discussed and set and the entire budget then presented for approval. Following discussion of all items in the budget a motion was made by Niels L. Nielsen, seconded by Clinton Bowler that the budget for the year be approved in the amount of \$3,100.00. Motion passed.

Mr. Bracken indicated that the next item on the agenda was the approval of the assessment to the water users to cover the budget of \$3,100.00. Mr. Chester Whitelaw made the suggestion that the assessment be based on the decreed water rights rather than water pumped. After this was discussed, Mr. Norseth suggested that this be discussed further by the board and they could make recommendations for inclusion on the agenda and discussion at the next annual meeting. A motion was made by Normand Laub, seconded by Darwin Hulet that the assessment for 1977 be set at \$3,000.00. The motion passed.

Mr. Bracken asked the water users if they would object to the board making a recommendation to the State Engineer for appointment of water commissioner following their board meeting at the adjournment of this meeting. There was no objection.

The next item on the agenda was the selection of directors to fill the expired terms of Normand Laub and Max Cannon.

Those nominated for directors for a two year term were:

Robert Holt by A. Morley Wilson
Morley Wilson by Alpine Bowler
Boyd Christensen by Richard Jones
Normand Laub by Albert Harrison

A motion was made, duly seconded and passed that nominations close and we proceed to ballot.

Mr. Bracken appointed Gerald Stoker and Norm Day to act as election judges and ballots were passed out.

While the ballots were being cast there was further discussion on the accuracy of the water meters and the repair of same.

The results of the election were announced:

Robert Holt
Normand Laub

The composition of the board for 1977 is as follows:

One Year Term: John McGarry, Niels Nielsen and Marvin Bracken
Two Year Term: Normand Laub and Robert Holt

Sherwood Bracken, Enterprise Reservoir Company
Richard Jones, Newcastle Reservoir Company
Albert Harrison, Pinto Irrigation Company

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John M. McGarry, Secretary

380.12

590.12

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21.18

156.99

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